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President Jimmy Carter has sent to Capitol Hill the name of Adm. Stansfield Turner as his new nomination for director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Turner, commander-in-chief of Allied Forces in Southern Europe, looks a lot better on paper than Theodore Sorensen, Carter's previous nominee. The admiral does not appear to be cut from the same cloth as many professional military men; his intellectual and academic achievements are solid, and his managerial skills seem well-established.

The CIA is absolutely vital to the nation's security, and its next director must be a man with a wide base of support in both Congress and the Executive Branch. Under a dark cloud for too long, the CIA's staff morale must be revitalized and the people's confidence restored.

If, after careful scrutiny, the Congress finds no objections, let's pipe the admiral aboard and get on with the work of reinvigorating the CIA.